Persons provided with Old Age Pension in Pondicherry

1493. SHRI C.P THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons provided with old age pension in Pondicherry during the last three years *i.e.* 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 along with the details thereof;

(b) the number of persons from Scheduled Caste and Backward Classes provided with old age pension by the Government during the same period; and

(c) the amount distributed separately during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Number of persons provided with old age pension under National Old Age Pension Scheme in Pondicherry during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 and other details thereof are as below:

(Rs. in Lakh)

Year	Allocation	Amount* released	No. of persons benefited
1997-98	14.04	21.06	1500
1998-99	14.04	21.06	1500
1999-2000	49.05	49.05	1500 (Upto Dec.99)

*including previous years committed liability.

(b) The number of persons from Schedules Caste and Scheduled Tribes Communities benefited under the scheme during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 is given below:—

Year	Beneficiaries from Backward Classes	
	SC	ST
1997-98	358	6
1998-99	310	15
1999-2000	NA	NA

(c) The amount reportedly distributed under NOAPS by the Pondicherry Government towards the payment of old age pension during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 is given separately for each year as under:—

year	Amount disbursed (Rs. in lakh)
1997-98	21.06
1998-99	6.87
1999-2000	21.17(upto Dec. 1999)

Amount released to Orissa under various RD schemes

1494. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNHA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount released by Central Government for orissa under the Indira Awaas Yojana EAS, JRY and National Pension Scheme for the year of 1999-2000; and

(b) whether Government propose to release any additional amount for the said schemes in view of the devastation caused by super cyclone?